

	<b>International Safety Management (ISM) – Code</b> Certification	<b>Dienststelle Schiffssicherheit</b> <b>BG Verkehr</b>
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The Dienststelle Schiffssicherheit as the competent flag state authority is responsible for the issuance of the relevant certificates which are required by SOLAS Reg. IX/4.1 and IX/4.3 as follows:

- **Document of Compliance / DOC** issued for a company which complies with the requirements of the ISM-Code.
- **Safety Management Certificate / SMC** issued to a ship which signifies that the company and its shipboard management operate in accordance with the approved safety management system.

Part B of the ISM-Code and in addition the „Flag State Requirements“ are applicable regarding certification and interim certification of companies and ships flying the German flag.

Referring to the **change of flag** the following special arrangements have to be observed:

1. If the company owns a **valid DOC for the German flag** copies of the present SMC including the last two external audit reports have to be submitted to the Dienststelle Schiffssicherheit. Depending on the verification of the presented documents and relevant PSC databases the Dienststelle Schiffssicherheit may request additional documents, an additional shipboard audit and/or a flag state inspection. If there are no objections concerning implementation of the ISM-Code the Dienststelle Schiffssicherheit issues a SMC for the German flag. Usually the validity of the SMC remains unchanged.
2. If the company owns a **DOC** which is **not valid for the German flag** the actual DOC has to be submitted together with copies of the last two external audit reports. Furthermore the Safety Management Manual of the company has to be presented in electronic format or as paper document. Afterwards principally an Additional Audit has to be carried out by an auditor of the Dienststelle Schiffssicherheit. If there are no objections, the Dienststelle Schiffssicherheit may issue a DOC for the German flag. Usually the validity of the DOC remains unchanged.
3. **In addition the following documents have to be submitted:**  
 According to ISM-Code section 3.1 the **owner** of the ship has to declare, who is responsible for the operation of the ship. Furthermore the Company should declare the contact details of the DPA. For every ship the form “Statement of Compliance” has to be filled in.

All forms are available at our website  
<http://www.deutsche-flagge.de/en/downloaden>

For further questions about the ISM-Code please contact:



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